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Commending Taiwan for its history of democratic elections, and expressing support of Taiwan in the preservation of its democratic institutions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CONNOLLY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Commending Taiwan for its history of democratic elections, and expressing support of Taiwan in the preservation of its democratic institutions.

Whereas Taiwan began transitioning to a liberal democracy in the late 1980s, lifting martial law in 1987 and holding the first direct legislative election in 1992 and the first direct presidential election in 1996;

Whereas Taiwan has now held 7 presidential, 9 legislative, and many local elections since the democratic transition, all of which were free, fair, and representative of the will of the people of Taiwan;

Whereas Taiwan has peacefully transferred presidential power between political parties 3 times and peacefully

transferred parliamentary power between political parties
3 times;

Whereas the peaceful transfer of power is a bedrock of a free,
stable, and representative political system;

Whereas the democratic institutions of Taiwan respect the
freedoms of speech, press, assembly, and religion, and the
citizens of Taiwan have exercised these freedoms in prac-
tice, building a vibrant civil society, strong journalistic
and media sector, and an advanced business community;

Whereas the rule of law and vibrant civil society, diverse
economy, and stable political system form the basis for
the prosperity and freedoms of Taiwan, which rank far
above the global average;

Whereas the liberty enjoyed by the residents of Taiwan
stands in stark contrast to the “dictatorship of the prole-
tariat” experienced by the residents of the People’s Re-
public of China;

Whereas, from 1949 until today, the people of the United
States and the people of Taiwan have stood as partners
against coercion, threats of war, and armed attacks from
the People’s Republic of China; and

Whereas, on January 13, 2024, Taiwan will hold its eighth
presidential election and tenth legislative election since
beginning the transition to democracy, after which a new
president, vice president, and legislature will take office:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends Taiwan for the example it has
3 set for self-governance, not just for the Pacific re-
4 gion, but for the world;

1 (2) regards the democracy of Taiwan as a great
2 strategic strength for the free world and an indis-
3 pensable component of contemporary United States-
4 Taiwan relations;

5 (3) remains concerned about interference in
6 Taiwan's 2024 elections by the Chinese Communist
7 Party;

8 (4) is committed to continuing a strong part-
9 nership across diplomatic, information, military, eco-
10 nomic, and cultural domains, regardless of the out-
11 come of Taiwan's 2024 elections; and

12 (5) is committed to supporting Taiwan's self-
13 defense and the liberty of its people through effec-
14 tive deterrence using all elements of United States
15 power.